



The Montana Water Summit

Water in a Changing West

March 6 – 7, 2018

Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena, MT

Monday, March 5

Pre-Summit Gathering: Welcome to Helena!

5 – 8p.m. Casual welcome reception at [Ten Mile Creek Brewing](#) (48 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena).

Tuesday, March 6

Water in the West: Setting the stage and examining impacts to Montana's water quality and quantity from a changing climate, population growth, and a shifting economy.

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| 8:30-9:10 | Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ DNRC and MT Water Center▪ Lt. Governor Mike Cooney, Chair, Governor's Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee▪ John Murray, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Blackfeet Tribe |
| 9:10-9:30 | Water in the West - Leon Szeptycki, Professor of the Practice, Director of the Water in the West program, Stanford University, CA |
| 9:30-9:50 | Water and Climate in Montana - Marco Maneta, Associate Professor of Hydrology and Hydrologic Modeling, University of Montana |
| 9:50 – 10:10 | <i>Break (Capitol/State Rooms)</i> |
| 10:10 – 10:30 | Montana's Water History - John Tubbs, Director, Montana DNRC |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Montana and its Changing Economy - Patty Gude, Associate Director, Headwaters Economics |
| 10:50 – 11:35 | Discussion and Q&A – Leon, Marco, John, Patty with Moderator Shawn Johnson, Managing Director, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana |
| 11:35 – 11:50 | <i>Break (for Great Water Conversations set-up)</i> |

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11:50 – 1:20 [Great Water Conversations](#) *Lunch* – A special topics lunch (all about water) at your choice of round table. Each table will be hosted by a different subject matter expert, including conference speakers. *(Grand Ballroom)*

Water Policy Deep Dive: Analyzing Montana water policy history and future as told by former legislators, realizing the role of water and water policy in shaping growth and development, and examining statewide challenges and regional water policy innovation at the water quality/quantity nexus.

1:20 – 2:20 **Panel: Past policymakers recount their roles in shaping Montana water policy**, share their thoughts on where we're headed, and provide advice to current policy-makers. Featuring former legislators:

- *Dorothy Bradley*
- *Steve Doherty*
- *Lorents Grosfield*
- *Chas Vincent*

Moderator *Holly Franz*, Attorney, Franz & Driscoll, PLLP

2:20 – 2:50 Discussion and Q&A – *Dorothy, Steve, Lorents, Chas* with Moderator *Holly Franz*

2:50 – 3:10 *Break (Capitol/State Rooms)*

3:10 – 4:10 **Panel: Bridging the divide between water quality and quantity** – Innovation in policy and management from across the West – plus challenges in Montana. Featuring:

- *Adam Schempp*, Senior Attorney and Director of the Western Water Program at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington D.C.
- *Tim Davis*, Water Quality Division Administrator at MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Moderator *Sarah Bates*, Regional Deputy Director and Senior Director, Western Water Program, National Wildlife Federation

4:10 – 4:40 Discussion and Q&A – *Adam, Tim* with Moderator *Sarah Bates*

[Insert Fun Here]: Evening event with live music!

6:00 – 10 Heavy hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, lively conversation, and live music by Helena's-own Dogjam! *(Capitol/State Rooms)*

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Wednesday, March 7

Adaptation and the Way Forward: An interactive session and workshop led by EcoAdapt, an in-depth multidisciplinary look at water efficiency and conservation, and inspirational stories of local and regional adaptation efforts - plus lessons-learned.

- 8 – 8:15** Morning welcome and day one highlights - *Shawn Johnson*
- 8:15 – 8:45** **Adaptation** - *Lara J. Hansen*, Chief Scientist and Executive Director of EcoAdapt, WA
- 8:45 – 10** **Montana Adaptation Vignettes** - Short stories from fellow Montanans of water challenges brought on by climate and growth and the innovative ways they're dealing with those challenges.
- *Mike Gaffke*, President, Association of Gallatin Area Irrigators (AGAI)
 - *Kevin Hyde*, Montana Mesonet Coordinator, Montana Climate Office
 - *Germaine White*, Information and Education Specialist, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 - *Kyle Mehrens*, Stormwater Program Coordinator, City of Bozeman
 - *Brant Oswald*, Board President, Flyfishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)
- 10 – 10:30** Discussion and Q&A - *Mike, Kevin, Germaine, Kyle, Brant* with Moderator *Lara Hansen*
- 10:30 – 10:50** *Break (Capitol/State Rooms)*
- 10:50 – 12** **Montana Adaptation Workshop** – Integrated small group discussion about adaptation, barriers, and moving closer to actionable solutions across water use sectors and at multiple scales
- 12 – 1** *Lunch (Capitol/State Rooms)*
- 1 – 2** **Panel: Does water efficiency equal water conservation? It's complicated:** A multi-disciplinary examination of a common adaptation strategy through hydrology, policy, management, and on-the-ground lenses.
- *TBD Conservation District Supervisor*
 - *Mike Roberts*, Hydrologist, DNRC
 - *Travis Horton*, Region 3 Fisheries Manager, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
 - *Bryan Gartland*, Deputy Regional Manager, Helena Regional Office, DNRC
- Moderator *Ann Schwend*, Water Resource Planner, DNRC
- 2-2:30** Discussion and Q&A – *TBD CD Supervisor, Mike, Travis, Bryan* with Moderator *Ann Schwend*
- 2:30 -2:45** **Real-Time Wrap-up:** Your thoughts on bringing it all together and moving toward Montana's water future with Moderator *Shawn Johnson*
- 2:45 – 3** **Closing Remarks**